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SUBJ: TUCSA TO ASSIST RECENTLY-ORGANIZED LESOTHO-BASED MINE
LABOUR WORKERS UNION.

1. TUCSA GENERAL SECRETARY ARTHUR GROBBELAAR VISITED MASERU WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24 FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING SUBJECT UNION'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE. HE HAS AGREED TO HELP UNION DRAFT CONSTITUTION & HAS TRIED TO IMPRESS ITS LEADERS WITH IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING TRADE UNION NATURE OF ORGANIZATION BY PREVENTING INFILTRATION BY POLITICALLY-OR IDEOLOGICALLY-MOTIVATED ELEMENTS. HE HAS ALSO UNDERLINED NEED FOR BASIC TRADE UNION EDUCATION PROGRAM.

2. COMMENT: WHILE NEW UNION IS VERY SMALL AND INEXPERIENCED IT IS WORTH MENTIONING BECAUSE FOREIGN-AND/OR HOMELANDS-BASED MINE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT HAS POTENTIAL TO FORCE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN MIGRANT LABOR SYSTEM ON WHICH SOUTH AFRICAN MINING INDUSTRY HAS TRADITIONALLY DEPENDED FOR BULK OF ITS LABOR. (LESOTHO IN RECENT
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YEARS HAS BEEN THIRD LARGEST SUPPLIER--AFTER MALAWI & MOZAMBIQUE--

OF MINE LABOR TO SOUTH AFRICA WITH ABOUT 66,000 IN 1972 & 76,000
IN 1973.)
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